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NEW-FOUND FRIENDS - Orphanage runaway Annie forms an instant bond with an equally lonesome shaggy dog she meets in a park after escaping the clutches of the domineering Miss Hannigan.

'Annie Jr.' a major success

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The 20-strong cast of 'Annie Jr.' sang and danced their way into the hearts of two enthusiastic audiences this weekend as the members of the Elk Point Theatre Project presented their second annual success at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Produced by LoAnne Smith and directed and choreographed by Jessika Clarke, the show may have been way off Broadway, but featured memorable characters, carefully crafted sets and even a pair of heckles who tottered up the aisle, grumbled their way up to the peanut gallery and proceeded to hassle MC Jena Colbourne and give their somewhat skewed views of the proceedings, not unlike the old codgers on the Muppet Show.

The story began in the dark, crowded and gloomy dormitory of an orphanage, where a small victim of a nightmare is comforted by an older orphan named Annie, played by Jorja Theriault, awake because she has plans to slip out of the institution under cover of night. She barely gets out the door before being apprehended by the flask-toting matron, Miss Hannigan (Caleia Ng), who the tiresome job has quite literally driven to drink. She gives the runaway a whack with her punishment paddle and wonders aloud, "Why would any kid want to be an orphan?" as she routs everyone out of bed at 4 a.m. to clean their dormitory before they get their reward of cold gruel.

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Town's spending cuts result in decreased debt

VICKI BROOKER

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Elk Point Town Council met with Michael Epp of Hawkins Epp Dumont LLP at last week's meeting to get a complete rundown on the town's 2015 consolidated financial statements.

With the assistance of a power point presentation, Epp showed council that the town has increased financial assets that outweighed an increase in liabilities, reducing the net debt from \$1,400,197 in 2014 to \$1,269,994 in 2015.

Revenue in 2015 was up more than \$500,000 from the previous year, a 12.9 per cent increase that included a 53.8 per cent increase in grants, 15.02 per cent increase in sales and user fees and 8.76 per cent increase in taxes. Expenses increased by just over \$430,000, or 10.78 percent, with the largest increase

in the area of protective services at 42.43 per cent for firefighter training wages and repairs, and a 28.86 per cent increase in planning and development. There was, however, a 62.38 per cent drop in the cost of public health and welfare, due to the merger of Elk Point FCSS with the County of St. Paul. The increased income outweighed the expenses by \$130,203.

RV parking approved

The town's amended bylaw that allows seasonal RV parking for up to 72 hours during the period between the Friday of the May long weekend until the Tuesday following Labour Day was given all three readings. The amendment also includes the provision that slide-outs must not obstruct or overhang a sidewalk, boulevard or street.

Water complaint

Council agreed to reply to a letter of

concern from a ratepayer regarding a water bill, and also to have administration draft a policy for dealing with water accounts and water complaints.

Walking trail

The town has received approval of an extension to Aug. 17, 2016 to complete the Elk Point walking trail and to provide final reporting to the Major Community Facility Program regarding the grant received for the trail. Approval was also granted to repay unused grant funds in 2016 and 2017. The town has applied for approval to use MSI capital funding for the repayment.

Early Childhood Development Day

Saturday, June 4 will be proclaimed "Early Childhood Development Day" in Elk Point, in response to a letter from Mona McGinnis of the Early Childhood Development Committee, who also asked if the town could erect a tempor-

ary fence in the parking lot north of Play 2 Learn Daycare to enclose the area used for a children's fun day and the unveiling of the new mural that afternoon. Council will take that request to public works for further discussion.

Chamber golf scramble

Council approved sponsorship of prizes, including tote bags and t-shirts, for one of the top teams in the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble, slated for Saturday, July 2.

Bulk water bills

Two unpaid bulk water bills, totaling \$274.44, have been on the town's books for some time, and were incurred by persons who are no longer in the area. Council moved to move these amounts to the uncollectable file, and that those amounts would have to be paid if those people wished to reopen an account.

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Organized town cleanup scratched for this year

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With dwindling attendance at town cleanup days in recent years, council agreed not to host an organized cleanup day this year. However, the annual back alley cleanup will continue, with the date to be announced in the near future, for items not included in regular garbage collection, and those citizens who choose to tidy up their neighborhood will be welcome to put their bags of trash in the alleys for pickup that day.

"You're helping yourself, when your street looks better," Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich said of volunteers picking up trash in their neighborhoods.

Elk Point Library

An inspection of the Elk Point Municipal Library building showed a number of deficiencies. Mayor Parrish Tung said the library board has seen the report and the board and staff are addressing the deficiencies. The report was accepted as presented by council.

The job description for the Elk Point Library manager has now been put into the template used for other town employees, and was approved by council.

Well organized

A draft of the town's updated organizational chart was presented by CAO Ken Gwozdz, showing that the positions of executive assistant and finance officer are now in place and adding the director of emergency management, occupational health and safety and the director's clerical support, two positions that are shared with other municipalities. The draft was approved as submitted.

Allocations

Numbers are now in for 2016 MSI capital and operating funding as well as for the gas tax.

The town has been allocated \$443,976 in capital funding and \$56,738 in operating funds through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative and \$88,741 in gas tax funding. Council also now has the figures for education property tax, with a 14 per cent increase for residential and farm land to a total of \$311,533, a 5 per cent raise for non-residential to \$182,106, equaling a 10 per cent raise overall to \$493,639.

Policies ready for summer

Two policies have been approved and are now in place ready for the summer months.

The first outlines guidelines and regulations for the hosting of block parties, which will be permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays or federal or provincial holidays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. The parties may be held only on residential streets, with barricades used to control traffic and provide safety. Neither consumption of alcohol or open fires are permitted on public property, nor are permanent markings. Music and other noise must not interfere with the peace and tranquility of surrounding residents, and the responsibility of garbage removal lies with the person or persons named in the application to hold the party.

The second establishes the rates for camping at Elk Point Recreation Park, which is \$25 per unit per night, and at the River Park, \$20 per unit per night. A special rate of \$150 per team per weekend has been put in place for Provincial ball tournaments held at the Recreation Park.

Emergency Services Golf

The town will once again be gold sponsors of the Elk Point Emergency Services Golf Tournament, slated of June 1.

Qualifications based process

Council agreed to contact Greame Langford to assist with the Qualification Based Process of preparing the requirements necessary to select an engineering firm for the proposed County of St. Paul/ Town of Elk Point bulk water fill station. The cost, between \$2,000 and \$2,500, will come from MSI operating funds.

Free websites

Non-profit community groups are now eligible to get free websites through the town's website provider, TownLife. The sites are linked to the town's new website and help to promote the organization. They are also easy to update. For details, go to www.freecommunitywebsites.com. You may also stop in at the town office.



ELK POINT'S NEW YEAR'S BABY has finally been tracked down by the Elk Point Healthcare Auxiliary. Marilyn Habiak and Bernice Capjack of the Auxiliary presented a monetary gift to Matthew and Brenda Killam, who, along with big brother Frank, welcomed second son Michael to the family on Jan. 10. The baby was born in St. Paul. The family moved here last year from New Brunswick.

The census is here

OTTAWA: Canada's next census will be conducted in May 2016.

Early in May, census packages will be delivered to households across Canada, providing residents with the information they need to complete their questionnaire online or on paper.

Completed questionnaires will provide valuable information that will be used by all levels of government to make decisions about your neighbourhood and community. Information obtained through the census is needed to plan services such as child care, schooling, family services, housing, public transportation and skills training for employment.

Every person, young and old, must be included in the 2016 Census.

It's time to complete your federal census questionnaire.

You can do it online at www.census.gc.ca. Simply enter your 16-digit secure access code and follow the instructions.

If you received a letter, your secure access code is located at the top of the page.

If you received a paper questionnaire, your secure access code is located at the top right corner of the first page.

For more information, visit www.census.gc.ca or call 1-855-700-2016. Respondents who use TTY (a telecommunications device for people who are deaf) can call 1-866-753-7083.

Census FAQs

What is a census?

In Canada, a census is taken every five years and will provide a statistical portrait of the country and its people.

In Canada, it is mandatory for all residents to

participate in the census. This includes Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, refugee claimants, and people who hold a work or study permit.

How is the census taken?

Each household will receive instructions about the census in early May 2016. At that time, you can decide if your household will complete a census questionnaire online or on paper.

What happens to the information that I provide?

The information that you provide will be kept confidential, in accordance with the *Statistics Act*. Your information may be used by Statistics Canada in support of our other surveys, or for analysis. No one outside of Statistics Canada can have access to information that identifies individuals.

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"Jack and Jill went up the street" to visit Heritage Lodge residents

JACK AND JILL PLAYSCHOOL STUDENTS visited Heritage Lodge last Tuesday for the fourth and final time this year, the others being at Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day. The morning class (above) and afternoon class (right) and teacher Tammy Klatt sang a number of their favourite songs, including "Bringing Home My Baby Bumblebee," below, where their actions included licking imaginary honey off sticky little hands. They also brought handcrafted flowers to present to the residents.



"THIS IS FOR YOU." David Cardinal presents a handmade flower to a smiling Lydia Pelech.

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To celebrate Education Week our Division schools will be hosting a variety of special activities throughout the week.

May 2-6 is also Mental Health Awareness Week:

Everyone has a role in promoting positive mental health and healthy relationships - follow us on Facebook to pick up some important Mental Health Awareness tips.

And a special salute to our bus drivers! **May 2 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.**

We would like to recognize our drivers for safely transporting our students daily, through all kinds of conditions. They have a tremendous responsibility and we appreciate their hard work!

Together, we work for our children's education.

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EDITORIAL

Here's OUR beef!

A restaurant chain that has made the decision to switch to American beef because it is 'humanely raised' has mortally offended Alberta beef producers, and those who run that business should not be surprised if those producers and all their relatives and friends decide to find somewhere else to eat.

What is inhumane about the way we raise our beef? Mention was made that these 'humanely raised' animals have access to clean water and nutritious food and are able to go outdoors. And ours aren't? We see cattle outdoors every time we drive down a rural road, we see them drinking from automated waterers that keep their water warm in the winter and provide fresh water at their bidding in summer, when they take a break from munching fresh green grass.

Those cattle are treated humanely from the moment they are born, often with a farmer or farm wife in attendance who has crawled out of a warm bed in the middle of the night to make sure the baby and its mama are taken care of.

If our cattle get immunizations and antibiotics, it is no different that if we or our children do, to keep us from contracting life-threatening disease or to stop illness in its tracks. Most of us would rather eat meat from a healthy animal than one that isn't, and animals that are treated with antibiotics cannot be slaughtered until the medication is safely out of their system.

Alberta beef producers, keep up the good work!

YOUR VIEWS

Blooms and block parties!

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

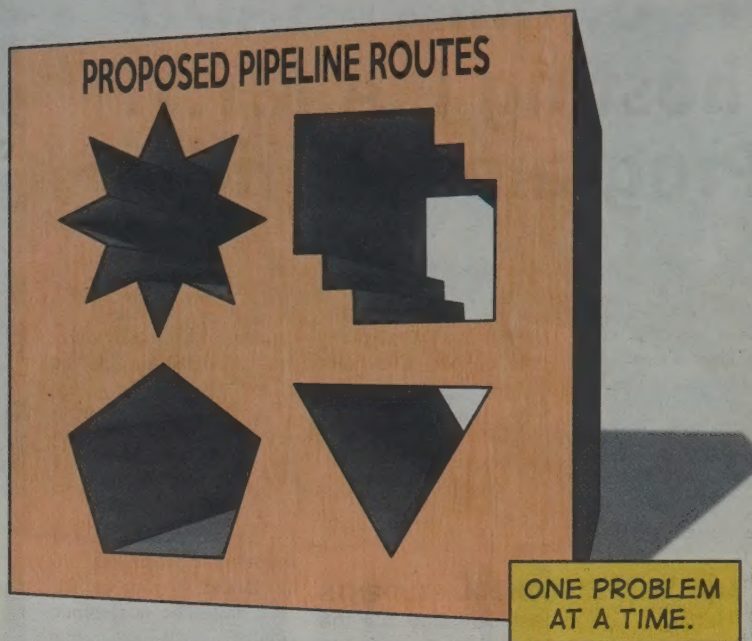
The 2016 Greenhouse Bus Tour is ready to hit the road this Friday. Reminder to all those attending, we will be leaving the A. G. Ross Arena at 8 a.m. sharp. Please bring a bagged lunch for the trip. We've also upgraded the bus to allow for more people to attend and for you to bring back even more goodies! Registration deadline is Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Unfortunately, we cannot take anyone who is not registered. To register stop by the Town of Elk Point office, it's \$35 with cheques payable to the Town of Elk Point.

The tour will be stopping at three Greenhouses; Greenland, Salisbury & Wallish. If you would like to know more about the trip contact me, Jena at 780-207-5898.

Other exciting news, the Town has implemented their Block Party Policy. So, we can officially host block parties in Elk Point! Very exciting, because with the Town's support, you no longer have to wonder how to throw an awesome block party, what the rules are and where to get things - like the barricade! We can help you at the Town Office with any questions you may have or you can head online elkpoint.ca

Canada Day is only a couple months away - can hardly believe it myself - sponsorship packages have gone out, but if you haven't received yours and would like to help the festivities, either through a monetary donation or a gift in kind, please contact me at recreation@elkpoint.ca

In other Canada Day news, we are looking into whether or not there's interest in a vendors section. If you're a small or home business and think you could benefit from this, please call/text 780-207-5898.



WAY BACK WHEN...

Tourism important, ribbon cutting, school bus safety

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND THE ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3 IN...

1986

Alberta's tourism minister, the Hon. Horst Schmidt, visited Elk Point and told an audience of about 30 that tourism is important to the Alberta economy and could prove especially valuable during the severe slow-down in the oilpatch. Elk Point and District Regional Recreation Board disbanded, calling an uneasy halt to funding problems that plagued the group.

1991

Elk Point Elementary School's first principal, Florence McDonnell, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the modernized and enlarged school. Amoco Canada district foreman Ron Johnson told visitors to the latest in a series of open house meetings that the number of Amoco wells in operation had dropped 25 per cent in recent months and cuts were being made to the 1991 drilling program.

1996

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club's 17th annual spring concert was a feast for the senses, joining beautiful tradition with a comic number where two Cossacks masqueraded as a pair of buxom ballerinas. Ashley Larson topped the race for the Junior High Point award and Marion Ryan took the Senior High Point at the annual Fun and Furry Horse Show.

2001

A two-day training session focused on safe school bus ridership, with Elk Point Elementary School students learning how to safely evacuate a 'disabled' school bus and how to avoid the 'danger zone' where the bus driver cannot see them. Trish Yarmuch placed first and Megan Miller second in the junior color poster category, and Brittany Buryn second in the junior

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poem at the Zone level of Legion Poppy Contest, with Trish going on to place second at District level.

2006

Elk Point's small but mighty Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club entertained a huge crowd at their 27th annual spring concert, with Marushka, the magical Ukrainian gypsy story teller, back from her travels to faraway places like Derwent and Vegreville to be on hand to introduce the audience to the world of Ukrainian culture, laughter and dance. Town council agreed that fees collected under Elk Point's new business license bylaw would be allocated to the Elk Point Economic Development Committee.

2011



SUPREME HONOURED ROYAL LADY Lynda Nolan (left) joined HRL Lillian Ewasiuk to present a 50-year pin to PHRL Lenore Bjornstad at Elk Point OORP's celebration of 50 years as a lodge

Elk Point Elks and Royal Purple lodges celebrated 50 years of community service with memories, music and a sumptuous banquet, with Exalted Ruler Mike Chubey and Honoured Royal Lady Lillian Ewasiuk welcoming a number of former members who came back for the occasion. Brian Storseth was re-elected as the MP for Westlock-St. Paul for a third term, with a landslide victory.

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F. G. Miller SADD hosting P.A.R.T.Y. Program on Friday

F. G. MILLER SADD
Review Contributors

The P.A.R.T.Y. program is a one day conference that focuses on Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth. This event is made possible by a grant provided by the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund and will be hosted by F. G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School and the F. G. Miller Students Against Drunk Driving /Destructive Decisions (SADD) team on May 6 in Elk Point.

We are looking forward to having three local schools join us for a collision recreation and to hear powerful messages that will be provided

by our keynote speaker Natasha Urkow and program partners; Alberta Transportation Traffic Safety Department, Prairie EMS Elk Point, Elk Point RCMP, Fire Department, ABHS Addictions, St. Paul Community Health and the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS.



The day will focus on traffic safety issues including impaired driving, use of seat belts, speed, distracted driving along with choices youth are making every day. Our goal is to bring awareness and empower local youth to make informed and positive decisions.

Parents and interested community residents are welcome to join us for the day. The conference begins at 9 a.m.. For more information or to register please contact Sherry Bower-Gagne at the school.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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Program will be
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MEMBERS OF THE F. G. MILLER SADD TEAM were excited to attend the Canadian Youth Against Impaired Driving National Conference held in Calgary April 7 to 10, thanks to the Alberta Transportation Safety Fund grant and their fundraising efforts. SADD members who attended the CYAID conference; left to right; Sherry Bower-Gagne, Chyanne Fisher, Leshawn Jenkins, Angie Phillips, Caleb Popiel, Megan Phillips and Kyle Smith

Dogs protect missing girl

JANANI WHITFIELD
Review Staff

The saying that a dog is a human's best friend turned out to be true for a nine-year-old Frog Lake girl that had wandered away from home and spent the night outside, but who turned up safe and sound the next morning with her trusted animal companions beside her.

The girl walked away from her residence, located a short distance away from dense bush, on Frog Lake First Nation at 6 p.m. last Wednesday night, accompanied by her three dogs. Once it was discovered she was missing, community members began to search for the missing girl, said Elk Point detachment's Sgt. Barry Larocque.

At 11:14 p.m., Elk Point RCMP received a call from someone at the scene, requesting RCMP assistance, he said.

Two RCMP members on night shift began helping the 30 to 40 people already combing the area for the missing girl.

"Being that it was dark, that the weather isn't completely warm at night, that the young girl was by herself, it certainly brings a state of panic to police to find this young girl, just because there's so many things that can happen," he said, noting weather temperatures on the

night hovered just above zero degrees.

As morning approached, RCMP were starting to make inquiries with Edmonton air services and police dog services to bring in additional help.

Larocque said he was arriving at the reserve at about 7 a.m. when he got the news that after 13 hours of being missing, the little girl had walked out of the bush and been picked up by one of the searching community members, who took her home. "I was ecstatic... it was music to my ears."

Larocque stopped to check on the girl at her home, and says she didn't say much, but that she did say her dogs had stayed with her through the night, "that they lay down beside her and huddled her, and it kept her warm."

For Larocque, it was a story with a happy ending, with an RCMP press release noting the "unwavering efforts" of the Frog Lake First Nations community to find the missing girl.

"I think this little story highlights a couple of things: the goodness in our communities is still there and that people will help one another, and the second one I've been telling people this morning is that with dogs, the loyalty they have to their family members is amazing, and it materialized in this case here."

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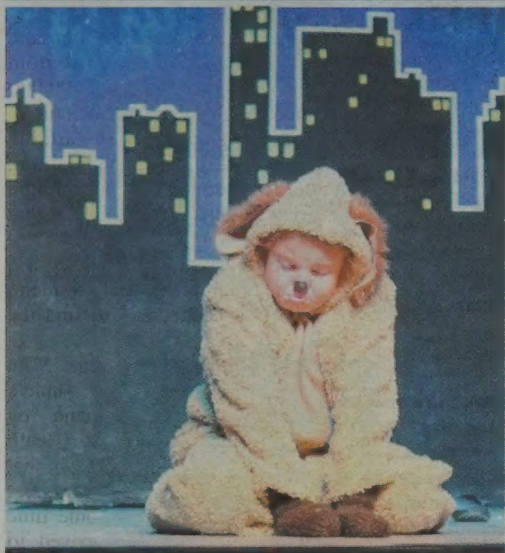
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ANNIE JR. ALBUM - Annie gets an autograph from a rising star as she, Oliver Warbucks and Grace Farrell walk home from the theatre (top) but misses reconnecting with Sandy (above left). Warbucks, Grace and Annie visit Bert Healy's Hour of Smiles (left) in hopes of finding her parents, as the orphans listen in on the radio (bottom left). Rooster Hannigan, Miss Hannigan and Lily St. Regis gleefully contemplate life on "Easy Street," (above middle) which is a far cry from Annie's earlier life with her fellow orphans (above).

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DRAW WINNER - Angie Baker (left) was the winner of the Elk Point Review's Administrative Professionals Day draw, and accepted a gift basket of prizes from the Review's advertising manager, Melanie McRae.

Census

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Who must complete a questionnaire?

In Canada, it is mandatory for all residents to complete the census questionnaire. Information on whom to include in the questionnaire can be found on the census website and on the questionnaire itself, in the section "Whom to include in Step B".

If you think there might be person(s) in your household who should *not* complete a census questionnaire, call the Census Help Line at 1-855-700-2016, starting May 2, 2016.

How are my responses used?

Your responses to the census are added to the responses of everyone else who lives in Canada, to compile statistics that help communities plan services such as day care centres, schools, health care, language classes, police, fire protection and residences for senior citizens.

Why should I participate in the census?

You, your family and your community benefit from the census. When you participate in the census, it means better information for your community.

There is also a law in Canada that says you must complete the questions asked in the census questionnaire. This law, the *Statistics Act*, also ensures that your census information is kept confidential.

We depend on you!

Completing the census is both a civic responsibility and a legal requirement for all people living in Canada. When you complete your census questionnaire, you continue a tradition that goes back 350 years—from a few pioneer villages in 1666, to today's large and prosperous country.

What if I need help?

Starting May 2, 2016, you can call the Census Help Line (CHL) at 1-855-700-2016, Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., or Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., if:

- you need help completing your questionnaire or want information about the census
- someone in your household would prefer to complete a separate questionnaire
- you need more than one questionnaire for your household
- you want a new census questionnaire, or a questionnaire in French
- you want a copy of the questions in a language other than English or French.

The CHL is a free service and is available in many languages.

Help your community grow

As more and more Canadians look for ways to reduce their carbon footprint by "keeping it local", there is one way to help your community grow and prosper that many citizens may never think of – completing the census.

Did you know that the census collects demographic information on every person living in Canada so that programs and services in communities can be improved? The information that is collected by the census, which starts on May 2 this year, is used by local, provincial and federal governments, businesses and various social service and ethno-cultural organizations for planning.

National Summer Safety Week - May 1 - 7

Swim, Don't Sink! Stay safe on the water this summer

CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL

When the average person thinks of drowning-related deaths, their minds may immediately wander to islands or densely-populated land-masses surrounded by water on all sides. But drowning is a real problem in Canada, too — in 2014, there were at least 308 preventable

water-related deaths in Canada according to the Lifesaving Society of Canada.

This National Summer Safety Week, May 1 - 7, the Canada Safety Council is reminding Canadians from coast-to-coast to take special care around water, whether they are accomplished swimmers, frequent water users or parents to

a young child who is getting familiar with their surroundings.

Water-related fatalities are especially tragic because they are entirely preventable. The vast majority of these deaths occur during recreational activities, including swimming, power-boating, fishing from a boat and walking near water or thin ice.

In fact, many Canadians who drowned never had any intention of being in the water in the first place. If you have a pool, lake or other body of water near you, consider putting up fencing around the hazard to limit the danger.

The most important preventative measure you can take to keep yourself safe is to wear a personal flotation device. Canadian law requires that there be at least one PFD on a boat for every boater, which is a great start. However, it's not realistic to expect that you'll be able to locate and put on your PFD if adverse or unexpected conditions arise.

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'Play Ball!'

Let the games begin!

The two best words you'll ever hear in spring is when the umpire calls "Play Ball!"

And we will be hearing those words tonight at 6:30 p.m. The baseball season starts here tonight, two of our Elk Point rookie boys teams are playing at home, one against St. Paul and one against Bonnyville. Tomorrow night the pee-wee girls host Marwayne and the bantam girls host Plamondon, and then on Thursday night, it's the battle of our two Mosquito teams who are facing off. All games start at 6:30 p.m. out at the recreation grounds.

This coming weekend the Bantam Sox provincial team is traveling to Sherwood Park to play their first three games, Saturday against Wainwright at noon and the host Sherwood Park at 6 p.m. and then on Mother's Day Sunday, they will be playing against Heisler at 1 p.m.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week: "I never questioned the integrity of an umpire; their eyesight, yes." Last week's answer to "Many baseball fans look upon an umpire as a sort of necessary evil to the luxury of baseball, like the odor that follows an automobile." -Christy Mathewson



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OBITUARY

PILISKO, Josephine



On April 25, 2016, Mrs. Josephine Pilisko of St. Paul, passed away at the age of 89 years. Josephine was born March 16, 1927 in Chroberz, Poland. She grew up on a homestead in La Corey, married and farmed in Elk Point. Josephine is survived by her loving children, Jane (Bernie) Dagg of Nanaimo, B.C., Dave Piliszko (Rita Irwin) of Vancouver, B.C., Allan Richard Pilisko of Elk Point, Joanne (Marcel) Noel of St. Paul, Ron (Corinne) Pilisko of Onoway & Don (Irene) Pilisko of Elk Point; grandchildren, Lisa (Mike) Roberson, Tina Trojanow, Jason (Anna) Pilisko, Darren (Lisa) Pilisko, Rocky (Heather) Pilisko, Jayden Pilisko, Jordy Pilisko, Shawna (Randy) Formanek, Michelle (Leon) van Biljon, Tamelle Pilisko & Mickal Pilisko; 17 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter; parents, Joseph & Veronica Domagala; 3 sisters, Mazie, Mary & Janice; brother, Ted; twin infant grandsons, Trevor & Travis Pilisko. In accordance with Josephine's wishes no funeral service will be held. Cremation has taken place and there will be a private burial at a later date. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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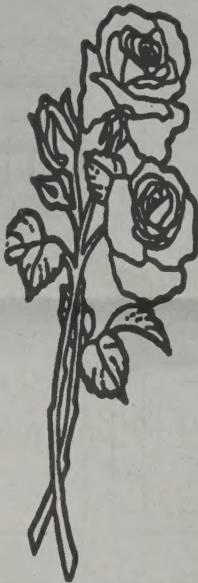


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How much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

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Your sons: Richard, Kevin, Hardy, Fred, Darron and their families.



AUTHOR VISITS - Billie Milholland attended the April library tea and signed copies of her latest book, 'Living in the Shed,' for a number of eager readers, including Lyn Young and Lillian Ewasiuk, above. The beautifully illustrated book depicts and tells stories about the North Saskatchewan River watershed and those who have inhabited its reaches over the years.



Summer safety

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Get in the habit of wearing a PFD at all times while on a boat. It can quite literally make the difference between life and death. According to the Canada Drowning Report 2015, based on incidents where PFD information was available, four out of five water-related fatalities due to boating could have been mitigated if the victim were wearing a lifejacket.

Swim with a buddy. It's always a good idea to ensure that you're within earshot and sightline if you get caught under a strong current, lose your bearings or get trapped under something.

Crucial as well in water safety is supervision, especially among young children. Parents, children are especially susceptible to drowning. A child can drown in just a few centimeters of water, meaning that everything from bathtubs to buckets can be potentially dangerous. Stay within arm's length from your child at all times when they are in or near water.

Additionally, drowning can happen in seconds and very quietly, so even something as simple as answering the door or taking a phone call can be a difference-maker. Take your child with you if you have to be away from the water.

There is also a lot of value in enrolling children for swimming lessons. Being a good swimmer isn't enough in and of itself to keep an individual safe 100 per cent of the time, but being a weak swimmer or, worse, a non-swimmer, can be a severe detriment in getting to safety.

Canada, as a whole, has been getting better in addressing drowning prevention. Long-term statistics dictate a general downward trend in water-related fatalities, but there is still much work to be done. Be mindful of water safety and do your part to keep lakes, oceans, pools, bathtubs and any other body of water safe for yourself and for others.

THE WINNERS! An array of colourful adult colouring pages was hosted and highlighted at Elk Point Municipal Library this past week. The mini juried show was judged by Shirley Kinneberg, who also juries for Edmonton Society of Western Canadian Artists. "This new approach to art boasts many advantages for therapy, stress reduction and the plain enjoyment of just doing it," Kinneberg says. First prize of a \$50 Co-op card, colouring book and crayons went to Jennifer Van der Hoek, second prize of a \$25 Co-op gift card and colouring book to Sandy Miner and third prize of a colouring book to Theresa Campbell Ward.

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GUEST SPEAKER: PASTOR BILLY REYES
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